(ii) 5 per cent. on a tariff value of Bh. Rs. 25 per cwt.

(*b*) (i) 1st Dhanu 1101.
(ii) 5th Karkatakam 1106.

(*c*) (i) Bh. Rs. 50 per cwt.
(ii) Bh. Rs. 10 per cwt.

(*d*) (i) Bh. Rs. 15 per cwt.
(ii) Bh. Rs. 17 per cwt.

(*e*) (i) Bh. Rs. 5 per candy.
(ii) 5 per cent. on a tariff value of Bh. Rs. 37 1/2 per cwt.

(*f*) (i) Bh. Rs. 5 per candy was the rate of duty from the earliest time for which records are available.
(ii) 15th Thulam 1099.

(*g*) (i) Information is not available.
(ii) Bh. Rs. 45 to 50 per cwt.

Mr. N. V. Chacko: May I know how many cwts. make one candy ?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: 20 cwts. make one ton.

Mr. N. V. Chacko: May I know how many cwts. according to this calculation make one candy?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: 500/112 cwts.

Mr. N. V. Chacko: Seeing that the price of pepper fell from Rs. 50 to Rs. 15 and the duty was raised from Rs. 5 to 10, may I know whether Government will consider the question of reducing the customs duty ?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: It is a question of future policy.

Import of paddy into the State.

28. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar** (*Parur, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the amount of paddy and rice imported into Travancore in each of the years 1110 to 1112, showing also the places from which they are imported and the quantity imported from each place ?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar:

A*statement is laid on the table.

Rice and paddy are imported into Travancore chiefly from Siam, Burma and British India. Information regarding the quantity of rice and paddy imported from each place is not available.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether Government have found out any means of preventing the further import of paddy and rice into Travancore ?

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Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: The Agricultural Department is doing its best.

Passes for the transport of cocoanut products.

29. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether for transporting cocoanut products from one compound in a pakuthi to another compound in the same pakuthi in the frontier taluks, a pass from the local Excise Inspector is insisted upon by the Excise Department;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, what is the basis for such insisting;

(*c*) whether the practice, if any, is supported by any law or rule having the force of law; and

(*d*) who issues such passes, whether the petty officer on the spot or the Excise Inspector residing in the headquarters?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: (*a*) Passes for the transport ofco coanut products are insisted on within one mile of the frontier in the Parur taluk only.

(*b*) It is a practice which has been in existence for a long time with a view to protect the people concerned from the operation of Section 22 of the Land Customs Regulation.

(*c*) No. The passes are issued under executive orders and the question of legalising the practice is under the consideration of Government.

(*d*) Excise Inspector. The question of empowering petty officers to issue such passes is under the consideration of Government.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: With reference to answer to part (*d*) may I know how many days the Excise Inspector is expected to be on circuit?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: He has to be on circuit for 20 days a month.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: Will not those who transport cocoanut be put to serious difficulties in not being able to obtain passes when the Inspector is not on the spot?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: Government are aware of such difficulties and they are considering the question of giving the power of issuing licenses to the Petty Officers.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether orders will be issued without much delay to see that the difficulty is removed as early as possible?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: I hope so.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether the Petty Officers will be authorised to issue passes so that one man to whom

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